## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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#### INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME					
HISTORIC					
AND/OR COMMON					
Priests	' Bridge-Site				
LOCATION			-		
	Robert Crain Highway l, below confluenc	(Maryland Route 3) e of Patuxent &	Little Patuxen	t Rivers	
Bowie		VICINITY OF			
STATE	-		COUNTY		
Marylan			Prince Geo	orge's	
CLASSIFIC	ATION		·		
CATEGORY  DISTRICT  BUILDING(S)  STRUCTURE  SITE  OBJECT	OWNERSHIP  PUBLIC  PRIVATE  BOTH  PUBLIC ACQUISITION  IN PROCESS  BEING CONSIDERED	STATUS  —OCCUPIED  —UNCCCUPIED  —W. T. IN PROGRESS  ACCESSIBLE  —YES: RESTRICTED  —YES UNRESTRICTED  —NO	PRESI  _AGRICULTURE _COMMERCIAL _EDUCATIONAL _ENTERTAINMENT _GOVERNMENT _INDUSTRIAL _MILITARY	ENT USE MCCCUMFARKPRIVATE RESIDENCREUGIOUCSCIENTIFICYTEANSPORTATIONOTHER	
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STREET & NUMBER	Oads Commission		oropiiono "·		
CITY, TOWN		VICINITY OF	STATE , Z	ip code	
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COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS,	ETC Prince George	's County Courth			
STREET & NUMBER					
CITY, TOWN	CITY, TOWN		STATE		
Upper M	Upper Marlboro		Maryland		
REPRESEN	TATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS			
DATE		FEDERALSTATECOUNTYLOCAL			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS					
CITY, TOWN	,		STATE		

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE SI		NE
EXCELLENT	DETERIORATED	UNALTERED	<u></u> VORIGINAL	SITE
_G00D	RUINS	ALTERED	MOVED	DATE
FAIR	UNEXPOSED			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Modern highway bridge over River into Anne Arundel County.

# **SIGNIFICANCE**

SPECIFIC DATES		BUILDER/ARCHITECT				
		INVENTION				
<b>⊻</b> 1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)		
<b>∠</b> 1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION		
700-1799 ر∠	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER		
<u></u> }600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
_1 <b>5</b> 00-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE		
_1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE		
PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION		
PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This has been a Patuxent River crossing for over 200 yrs. The nearby Sacred Heart-Whitemarsh Church was the focal point for some of the earliest Roman Catholic organizational activity in the U.S. Meetings held here since the early 18th Century attracted Jesuit leaders from throughout the state, and the crossing became commonly referred to as "Priests' Bridge".

### MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) DeMarr, Fred. "Sacred Heart Parish-A Cradle of America's Catholic Church", article in <u>NEWS & NOTES</u>, Prince George's County Historical Society (Oct. 1973 & Nov. 1973).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY MGEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_ VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES STATE COUNTY COUNTY STATE MFORM PREPARED BY NAME / TITLE Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian DATE ORGANIZATION 9/27/74 M-NCPPC TELEPHONE STREET & NUMBER 589-1480 8787 Georgia Ave. STATE CITY OR TOWN

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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